

December 15th 2019 CGA Board Minutes

Attendees: Pam Haendle, , Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Elyse Perambo, Danielle Fowler, JoAnne Wirtz-Ryan, David DeLaMater, Heidi Dickens

Absent: Sister Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Wendy Pieh, Heidi Krause, Cameron Falkowski

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:35

David moved we accept the minutes as written; Heidi seconded; motion passed.

1. Treasurer Report

Balance: \$5,075.00 + \$500 from AMF Grant

New PayPal account is open! New membership email can go out now since PayPal account is set up. Elyse has contacted the 8 members that memberships were refunded due to use of the older PayPal account. Elyse is trying to sort out issues with the IRS. Unbeknownst to CGA there was a period where we lost our 501(c)3 standing. Maryanne and Gail (consulting lawyer) have been assisting. The name change in 2014 from Eastern Cashmere Goat Association to Cashmere Goat Association was accepted, however our IRS filing in 2015, using the new name, was revoked. There was no record of CGA receiving notification of this action. Elyse has gone through the necessary channels to reinstitute the name. If the name is not reinstated it will take up to three months to secure a new EIN number with this name.

2. Membership (Pam)

There is a table built into the membership page that saves all membership information. Some members are not appearing on the website because they are marked as 2019 members. The bigger issue is whether we want to offer a renewal option on the website at a cost. Pam will investigate an auto renewal option. TBD next month .

3. Social Media

Since Elyse is covering the extensive responsibilities of treasurer Danielle volunteered to handle all administrative duties for the CGA Facebook page. She will also look into developing an Instagram page for CGA.

4. Hoofprints

The Fall/Winter issue of Hoofprints will be released within the next few weeks.

5. Committee Updates

Discussion tabled due to more time needed to meet between committee members.

Show Committee- Danielle, Sister Mary, Cameron

Judging Committee - David, Pam, Wendy, Cameron

*Rhinebeck – Elyse shared that the insurance for Rhinebeck has been secured

6. Educational Training/Information Platforms

It was proposed that CGA start with educational videos that can be posted directly on our website that cover basic topics such as combing, fiber testing collection, fundamentals of breeding and fleece flaking. The idea of requesting 4-H groups to conduct some of these videos was discussed. There was a unanimous consensus that CGA will reach out to known 4-H Cashmere goat groups regarding topics that we are looking for in training videos. Danielle volunteered to provide a video from her 4-H group on giving and interpreting ultrasounds in goats.

7. Other Business

None

8. Next meeting January 12th 2019 @ 7:30

9. Meeting adjourned 8: 40